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3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board considers the present standards and recommended practices (SARP's) established under the provisions of ICAO to be adequate. Furthermore, such SARP's are subjected to continuing international review in the interest of assuring that required amendments are made in a timely manner.

The record of the investigation of this accident does not show any contravention of the airworthiness requirements imposed by these international standards. However, the matter of compliance with certification, training, and a number of other operational practices required by these standards, could not be verified by review of official records during this investigation.

Under the provisions of Article 38 of the ICAO convention, a member State may indicate full compliance with all existing ICAO standards and practices by simply not registering any differences. No notification to ICAO in this regard implies full compliance with these standards by the member State. However, there is no international surveillance authority or system to insure such compliance.

The Board is of the opinion, therefore, that a program with regard to surveillance and monitoring should be established in the interest of assuring uniform application of ICAO safety standards. To this end, the Safety Board recommends that:

A study be initiated by the FAA, in full coordination with the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Department of State, to determine the feasibility of formulating a policy whereby parties to a bilateral air route agreement would have the right to inspect, on a continuing basis the facilities, services and procedures of all air carriers subject to the agreement.

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